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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY AND, IF  
DESIRED TO AMEMBASSIES DAMASCUS, BEIRUT, JIDDA AND  
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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

REFS: (A) PARIS 1870; (B) PARIS 1979

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1. I HEARD FROM THE ELYSEE TODAY THAT, AS A RESULT OF

MY CONVERSATION WITH SAUVAGNARGUES JANUARY 20 (REFTELS),  
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CASTING ABOUT FOR  
POSSIBLE WAYS OF APPROACHING THE LEBANESE PROBLEM IN  
PREPARATION FOR SAUVAGNARGUES' MEETING WITH YOU  
TOMORROW.

2. SO FAR, THE MOST PROMISING IDEA SEEMS TO BE FOR  
FRANCE TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A CONCERTED POLITICAL  
EFFORT INVOLVING KEY COUNTRIES INFLUENTIAL IN LEBANON.  
AT A MINIMUM, SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD REQUIRE THE INVOLVE-  
MENT OF SYRIA, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. IF POSSIBLE,  
OTHERS WOULD BE INCLUDED. THE PLAN WOULD PROCEED IN  
TWO PHASES. AS A FIRST STEP THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE  
ASKED TO EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A  
MEDIATION EFFORT, WHICH WOULD BE THE SECOND PHASE.  
SO FAR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY  
CLEAR OR PRECONCEIVED IDEAS AS TO HOW OR BY WHOM SUCH A  
MEDIATION EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE. MOREOVER, THE FRENCH  
GOVERNMENT IS NOT YET COMMITTED TO THIS OR ANY OTHER  
PLAN PENDING SAUVAGNARGUES' DISCUSSION WITH YOU.  
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